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Alumni and Friends:

Here is the latest *Good News* from ULM. After reading this e-mail I hope you will forward it everyone on your ULM Buddy List. Each time we add an alumnus or friend to this list, we help spread the *good news* about our University.

ULM Rises Ranks in ACT Student Satisfaction Survey

The University of Louisiana at Monroe improved in student satisfaction for the second year in a row as indicated on the 2004 ACT Student Opinion Survey published annually. This year, ULM's student satisfaction rating is 3.79; last year it was 3.6. Satisfaction was rated on a 1-5 number scale, with 5 indicating, "very satisfied." Since 2002, ULM's student satisfaction rating has increased more than 16%. "We have been and are continuing to put first things first at ULM. Educating our students is at the core of this institution and academics are always at the top of our list for constant enhancement. While it is clear that we have made great strides in student satisfaction, not just from this survey, but from what are students are telling us, we know there is always room for improvement. We want to be the best and want to instill that philosophy in our students," said ULM President Dr. James Cofer

The top five satisfaction ratings of ULM's college services used this year are library facilities, recreational/intramural programs, credit-by-examination program, academic advising services and computer services. Each of these services rated well above the average when compared with other universities in the state. Cofer says the university has worked tirelessly on improving in all areas. "Our improvement in these five categories is not surprising. We should expect to see increases in quality and satisfaction in the areas where we devote significant energy and resources. We will continue to improve the quality of the living and the learning environment at ULM."

ULM Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Stephen Richters, points to the improvement in academic advising as one of ULM's strongest assets. "Students should feel like their needs are being met. At ULM, one way we do this is to engage our students and professors as early in the student's education as possible. We are happy to know students are pleased with the attention we provide to them during their academic advising," said Richters.

The 2004 survey numbers show a 0.19 rating improvement from last year, and a 0.53 increase from 2002.

ULM to Hold 75th Anniversary Event in September

The University of Louisiana at Monroe is planning to hold a celebration of its 75th year anniversary. The event, "Envision ULM 2004", will be held at the Monroe Civic Center on the

evening of September 9, 2004.

This community event will be the kick-off of the 75th anniversary celebration of the university, which will be held in 2006. At the event, ULM President Dr. James Cofer will discuss the campus' \$50 million housing project and the university strategic plan, the new Athletic Director Bobby Staub will discuss athletics, and a faculty representative will speak on academics. Numerous alumni and representatives from the community will be present at this event.

For the first time in ULM history, the Hall of Distinction Award will be presented to an alumnus, friend or supporter of the university. The Golden Arrow Award and the Slim Scogin Award recipients will also be recognized. The Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the School Board will also be recognized for their role in getting the university started as Ouachita Junior College in 1931.

A silent and live auction of university memorabilia, special VIP packages, and other items will take place. A social time and silent auction, dinner and live music are also on the agenda. All ULM supporters, family and friends are welcome. Tickets are \$30 per person and include a meal and wine. Ticket information will be available soon. Seating is limited to 900 people. Contact the office of University Relations for more information at **(318) 342-5440**.

Around ULM

> **Are you ready for some football!** ESPN's darkhorse pick to win the Sunbelt Conference, our ULM Indians, have hit the practice field. For season ticket information, please call Sharon Traxler at 318-342-3ULM.

> Sherrouse and Hudson Halls are now only memories at ULM as our \$50 million dollar Housing Initiative is well underway. The **tentative** date for the implosion of Olin Hall is September 25 (it is subject to change). The 25th of September is also our home football opener vs Arkansas State and the ULM Alumni Association Shrimp boil is that afternoon in the ULM Grove. For information on the Shrimp Boil, contact your ULM Alumni Association at **800-261-0174**.

> **HOMECOMING 2004 (*ULM...Our Place in the Sun*)** is set for October 16th! Its time to begin making your plans to join us in Monroe for this exciting weekend of events. **A new ULM Tradition** will be unveiled during Homecoming weekend – more details coming soon.

> Join your ULM Alumni Association at our Super Alumni / Student tailgate event in Little Rock on September 18th when ULM opens its "Home" season against the Hogs of Arkansas. Tailgate time is 11:00 a.m. – look for the ULM tent at War Memorial Stadium.

For a complete listing of all our Chapter and Indian Athletic Foundation events, please view the Alumni Calendar of Events on the ULM Home Page

<http://www.ulm.edu/cgi-bin/alumni.pl>

Thanks for helping spread the **good news** about our ULM.

GOOD NEWS is e-mailed around the 15th and 30th of each month by your ULM Alumni Association. This e-mail contains a brief sampling of all the *good news* surrounding our university. For a complete listing of all of the *good news*, please visit the ULM web site at www.ulm.edu If you would like to be removed from this list, please contact Tommy Walpole (contact information is below). Thanks for your continuing support of ULM and I hope you'll help spread the *good news*.

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